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Grant to Beloit College (DPI -- Categorical Aids)

CURRENT LAW

DPI is required to annually award a grant to Beloit College to educate children and adults in southern Wisconsin about Native American cultures. In 2002-03, \$50,000 PR is provided for the program, which is paid from tribal gaming revenues.

GOVERNOR

Maintain base level funding of \$50,000 PR annually in 2003-05 for the grant to Beloit College, funded from tribal gaming revenues.

MODIFICATION

Modify the grant appropriation to transfer it from DPI program for aids for local educational programming to the DPI program for aids to libraries, individuals and organizations.

Explanation: The grant to Beloit College was placed under aids for local educational programming, which funds local units of government. This program is used for state school aids and, with certain specified exceptions, is used to calculate partial school revenues. Under current law, the state funds an amount equal to two-thirds of partial school revenues. Because the grant to Beloit College is not a state school aid, and was not intended to be counted toward partial school revenues, the appropriation would more appropriately be housed under aids to libraries, individuals, and organizations.

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